



PREPAREDNESS UPDATE



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YRC member Hannah Schultz selected for FEMA Youth Preparedness Council

Ms. Hannah Schultz, a St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council member, has been chosen as a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Youth Preparedness Council (YPC). She was selected from among a pool of highly qualified applicants from across the country. FEMA believes that youth play an important role in disaster preparedness and can help their communities be safer and more resilient before, during, and after disasters.

Hannah is sixteen years old and has grown up in Marine City. She is currently a member of Student Government, National Honor Society, Mock Trial Team, and the Volleyball Team at Marine City High School. She is also involved with her church as a Youth Group member and enjoys mission trips with them.

Hannah's family has helped her become the young woman she is today. They are always encouraging her to do her best and invest her time pursuing her dreams. They have shown that with hard work and a positive attitude, success will come. Her family has always put a very high value on giving back to the community and has demonstrated that one can ever be too busy to help strengthen their community. The family has received many blessings and giving back is a priority.

Hannah has been a member of the St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council for two years and has been instrumental in several projects. Her dedication to the council, its projects and his community are exemplary. She has demonstrated personal leadership and follow-through, but also has the ability to work well within a group towards a goal.

The St. Clair County Youth Readiness Council is a group of youth who volunteer their time to enhance the safety and preparedness of youth in our county. They have learned skills in the entire life cycle of projects and events. This life cycle includes all aspects of project management including: inception, planning and execution. They have also participated in numerous public speaking events including presentations at local events, radio and TV interviews and being master of ceremonies.

For information on how to become a Youth Readiness Council member contact the St. Clair County Homeland Security – Emergency Management office at 810-989-6325 or emergencymanagement1@stclaircounty.org



CBP Officer Grays was on duty at the Algonac Port of Entry when he was alerted to a child in distress. His quick response allowed him to rescue a child who had fallen into the cold St. Clair River.

Thank you Officer Grays!

Citizens Academy

The 1st ever St. Clair County Citizens Academy trained 31 people in 3 different academies. The Academies were Fire/EMS, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Management. Some citizens chose one academy and some chose all of the academies.

We had excellent instructors for each topic and the reviews were all positive.

If you are interested in attending a Citizens Academy in the future, we are looking into doing another one in the fall. Watch for postings on our website: (www.bereadystclaircounty.org), or our Facebook page as well as the general media outlets. You can also call the office (810-989-6965) and we can put you on a list to be notified when an academy is scheduled.

Here are some pictures from the Academies:



HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR DO1THING?

For May:

GOAL FOR MAY: Make sure the people who count on you are prepared for a disaster.

Disasters can happen at any time. If you are away from home do you know where to find safe shelter locations? Do you know what the emergency procedures are for your child's school or for your workplace? Will people who count on you know what to do if you can't reach them? Know how to make sure you and your loved ones are safe in a disaster, no matter where you are.

For June:

GOAL FOR JUNE: Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs.

Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

For more information visit: www.do1thing.com

Electrocution and Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)

This is probably more common than we think. If there is a drowning from electric shock it is just reported as a drowning with an unknown reason. We have learned that electric current in the water is stronger at the source but lessens the further you get from the source.

The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) has joined forces with the Electrical Safety Foundation International to put out this video and warning about water and electricity. With all of the water ways in our County, it is important that you know about this. Here is the link to the video:

<https://youtu.be/8oMMn8jJ5fk>

Advice from the NFPA website:

Marinas, lakes and ponds:

Tips for swimmers:

- Never swim near a marina, dock, boatyard or near a boat while it's running.
- Obey all "no swimming signs" on docks.

Tips for boat owners:

- Avoid entering the water when launching or loading your boat. Docks or boats can leak electricity into the water causing water electrification.
- Each year, and after a major storm that affects the boat, have the boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified marine electrician to be sure it meets the required codes of your area, including the [American Boat & Yacht Council](#). Make the necessary repairs if recommended. Check with the marina owner who can also tell you if the marina's electrical system has recently been inspected to meet the required codes of your area, including the [National Electrical Code \(NEC\)](#).
- Know where your main breaker(s) are located on both the boat and the shore power source so you can respond quickly in case of an emergency.
- Have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) installed on the boat; use only portable GFCIs or shore power cords (including "Y" adapters) that are Marine Listed when using electricity near water. Test GFCIs monthly.

WINS is a way to check on people in an effected area

The W.I.N.S. (Warning Information Notification System) is a way to check an area for emergencies during a major event such as Tornado, Power Outage, Hazardous Material Incident, or a Hostile Event. "A message would be sent out in the specific area of the event and would ask if you are ok. Depending on your situation, a yes or no response would send a message back to Emergency Management, and we would know who needs assistance" said Russ DeCrease, Planner with HSEM.

To sign up for WINS, go to our *be ready* website and click on the WINS logo. You can choose what notification YOU want, how YOU want to receive them, and YOU can choose quiet hours for non-emergency weather alerts. YOU can also download the WINS/everbridge app for your iOS or Android devices. Below is the link to get started.

<http://www.bereadystclaircounty.org/>

Remember to check under each category to be specific on what you want notified of. Example: if you only check the weather category you are signing up for about 29 different notifications. So if you don't want to be notified of marine warnings make sure you open the category and be specific.



Another Way We Can Help in a Major Event.....

A web mapping app for updating and sharing the current status of businesses in effected areas was established for our area. The app lets businesses report whether they are open or closed. The app was developed by configuring the Crowdsourcing app available from and hosted on ArcGIS Online. It is linked to the SCC HSEM website so businesses, members of the public, and people involved in response efforts could learn or update the status of restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other businesses.

This information is valuable in helping meet the immediate needs of the public for food, supplies, and services in a major event. In a major event we will put a link on our *be ready* website as well as in a prominent place on our Facebook page.

WHAT IF A TORNADO HIT ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN? WOULD YOU BE #READYFORIT?

ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN – Research and experience shows that Americans are not adequately prepared for disasters, or the disruption they can cause to their life and communities. Sixty-percent of Americans are not prepared for disasters, and the 2018 tornado season has already begun! The average Michigan tornado is on the ground for less than 10 minutes and travels about five miles. However, they do not always follow the norm and have been known to stay on the ground for more than an hour and travel more than 100 miles. Knowing what to do beforehand is of utmost importance. Today, St. Clair County, in partnership with Planet Ready, launched a unique interactive tornado preparedness exercise free of charge to the public and may be completed in 15-20 minutes. Jeff Friedland, Director of St. Clair County Homeland Security & Emergency Management, and Joel Thomas, the founder of Planet Ready, are inviting residents of St. Clair County to participate in the online exercise to prepare for a tornado. “It is just good business to establish this partnership as it will offer our residents more educational opportunities than we could ever provide!” said Jeff Friedland. Michigan experiences an average of 15 tornadoes annually. Since 1950, 243 people have been killed due to tornadoes. During this same time, Michigan has experienced 1034 tornadoes. This exercise has been designed specifically for St. Clair County, Michigan residents and will help our community effectively prepare for and respond to tornadoes. Come join us.

Event Details

Who: Residents of St. Clair County, Michigan

What: Tornado Preparedness Exercise

Cost: **FREE**

Where: www.PlanetReady.com/stclaircounty

When: May 15 through September 30

Time: Available 24/7 online

For more information, please contact jfriedland@stclaircounty.org and/or media@planetready.com.

Follow @bereadystclair & @planetready and use the hashtag #ReadyForIt.

About St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management: Learn more about St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management at <http://www.bereadystclaircounty.org>

About Planet Ready, Inc.: Planet Ready, Incorporated is a Maryland-based 501c3 non-profit organization. The mission is to provide a premier online disaster preparedness platform for individuals, families, houses of worship, volunteer organizations, and small & medium businesses. Learn more about Planet Ready at www.PlanetReady.com

Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Shooter Training



This training was held at Alexanders in Marysville with over 80 people from all over Southeast Michigan attending. The presentation was to learn about the many facets of active shooter response. The presentation on active shooter included the history which showed the constant modification with the research of each active shooter. An emphasis on the criticality of rapid response was highlighted. Teen and adult active shooters were discussed, including revenge shooters, shooters making a statement with extreme violence and terror-motivated shooters. The presentation also discussed law enforcement tactics and the implementation of fire and EMS personnel into the response plan. Many fire and EMS agencies are unaware that the Dept. of Homeland Security has stated that fire and EMS personnel will enter into the active shooter environment and will conduct rescues while the situation is ongoing.

The highly educated presenter was Dr. Mike Clumpner, a 26 year veteran of the fire service as a firefighter/paramedic in a high call volume fire company; he also serves as co-chair on a Counter-Terrorism Taskforce that developed a unified public safety active shooter tactical response protocol for one of the largest cities in the US. He serves on several subcommittees as well as instructs members of the FBI and Department of Defense.

EBW.TV LINKS:

Jeff Friedland sits down with Former Asst. Emerg. Manager of Clark County, Nevada and discusses the Las Vegas shooting incident in October 2017

[Las Vegas Shooting Incident Part 1](#)

[Las Vegas Shooting Part 2](#)

[Las Vegas Shooting Part 3](#)

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